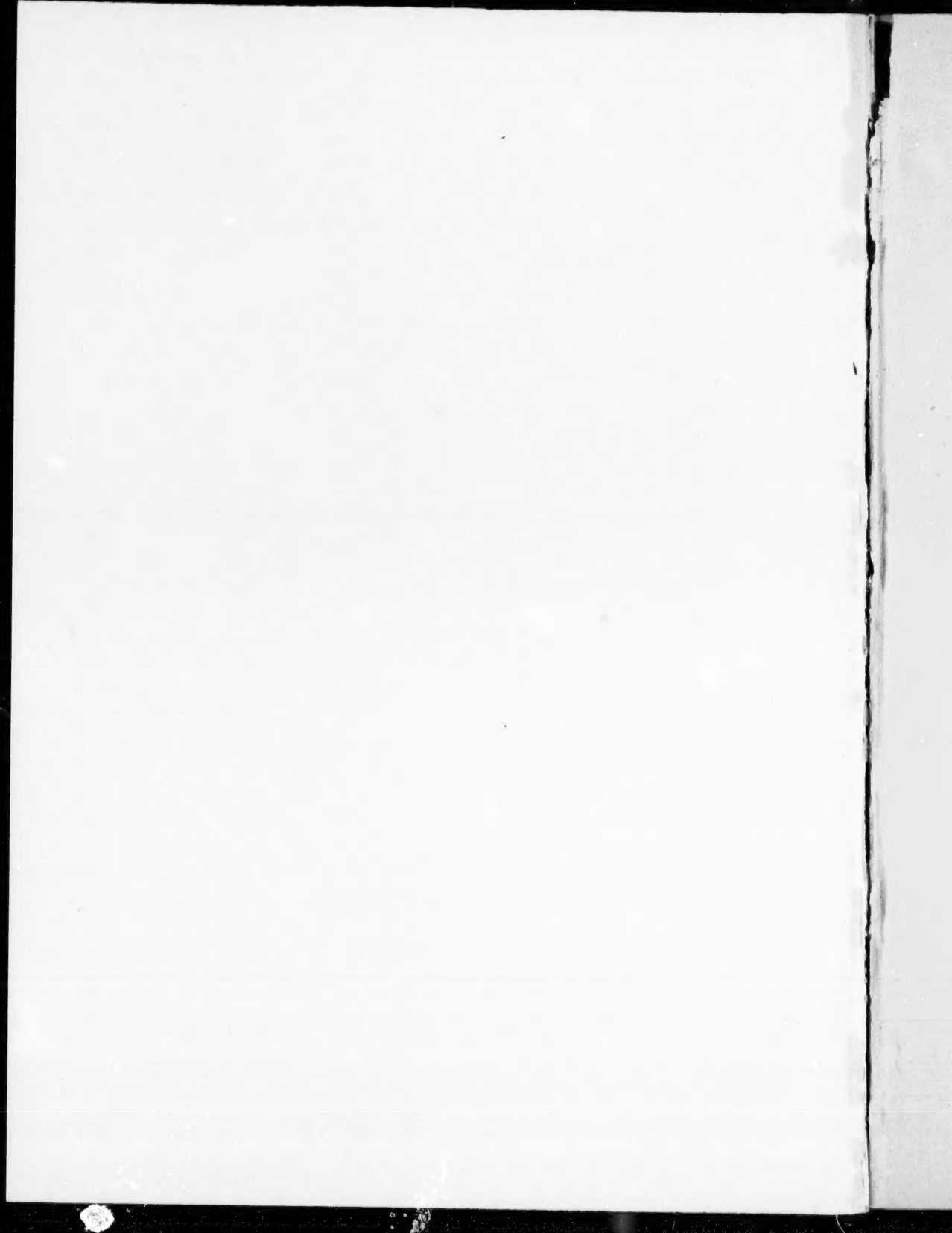




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FOR 1883-84.

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CONSTITUTION.

1. That the Association shall be called "The Dominion Quoiting Association."

2. That its objects shall be to foster and extend the practice of the game of Quoiting in the Dominion of Canada, to promote the formation of local clubs, and to unite all the lovers and patrons of the game in Canada into one organization, with the view of regulating and popularizing the ancient game throughout the Dominion.

3. That its members shall consist of the members of such local clubs, and of such other persons as may be duly received into the Association and comply with the rules thereof.

4. That its affairs shall be managed by an Executive Committee, consisting of the Office-bearers, viz.: A Patron, a President, three Vice-Presidents, and a Secretary-Treasurer, together with five members, elected by the Association, and one representative appointed by each of the clubs affiliated.

REGULATIONS AND RULES.

1. That all Quoiting Clubs numbering not fewer than six (6) members, and organized with a staff of office-bearers, consisting of at least a President, Treasurer and Secretary, shall be eligible to be received into the Association.

2. Persons not members of any Quoiting Club may also be received into the Association as members thereof.*

3. Each affiliated club will have the right to appoint any member of the Association as its representative to the Executive Committee, but no person shall be, or act as representative of more than one club.

4. Every member of the Association shall have the right to compete for the Championship Prize, without payment of entry money, or other charge ; and shall have a voice at every Annual and General Meeting of the Association, and be eligible for any office in connection therewith.

5. No person shall belong to more than one club at one and the same time ; and a list of the members and office-bearers of each club, and name and address of representative to the Executive Committee, shall be sent by the Secretary thereof to the Secretary of the Association, before the 15th day of May, in each year, and these lists shall form and constitute the membership of each club ; additional members may be received and their names added to these lists at any time on payment of Annual Dues.

6. Every club will pay, on admission to the Association, an Entrance Fee of Two Dollars and an Annual Fee at and after the rate of fifty cents for each and every member thereof ; other members, not connected with affiliated clubs, shall each pay an Entrance Fee of fifty cents, and an Annual Fee of one dollar. All fees to be paid in advance.

* With the view of promoting the game, and improving his own practice, every quoter should endeavour to form a club in his own locality, and to connect it with the Dominion Quoiting Association ; and in so doing reap all the benefits of Club Membership in the Association.

The Annual Fee to accompany list of members, sent in from year to year, and no club or member shall be entitled to receive any prize unless payment of all dues shall have been duly made.

7. The funds derived from these sources shall be under the control of the Executive Committee, and shall be used only in providing local medals, the championship medals, and such other prizes as may be awarded by the Executive Committee, besides the general expenses of conducting the affairs of the Association.

OF PRIZES.

1. That medals shall be allocated annually by the Executive Committee to be competed for by affiliated local clubs; either arranged in pairs, club vs. club, or in groups for the club championship of the group or district, or to any local club for the club championship, as may from time to time be deemed best by the Executive Committee; and that an annual individual competition be conducted for the championship of the Dominion for light weights and heavy weights respectively, open to all *bona-fide* citizens of the Dominion of Canada.

2. That Umpires shall be appointed by the Executive Committee to superintend Association Matches between local clubs, who shall take order that all matters are conducted with fairness to both clubs, and according to the rules of the Association. In the absence of the umpire appointed, the competing clubs shall elect an umpire who shall have all the powers of the absent umpire. The Dominion Championship Match shall be umpired by the office-bearers of the Association.

3. That in matches for local medals the number of competitors on each side shall be not less than three-fourths of the number of members in the smaller clubs ; and in selecting the clubs to compete against each other, due regard shall be paid to their numerical strength, their relative skill and convenience for meeting.

MEETINGS.

1. That a general meeting of the Association, open to all the members thereof, be held annually in Toronto, on the second day of the championship match, at such hour and place as the Executive Committee may deem fit, and of which due public notice shall have been given. At this meeting the Executive Committee shall submit their report for the year. The members present shall elect five members of the Executive Committee, and may give notice of any alterations they desire to be made in the regulations, which shall be considered and passed upon by the Executive Committee at their annual meeting in May. No alteration shall be made in the regulations by the Executive Committee, unless written notice thereof shall have been given at this general annual meeting.

2. That the annual meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held on the 24th day of May of each year, the Queen's Birthday, in the City of Toronto, and at such time and place as the Committee may appoint.

3. At this meeting the office-bearers shall be elected, who shall come into office as soon as

chosen and remain until their successors are appointed.

4. The order of business at meetings of the Executive Committee shall be

- 1st. Receiving credentials of members present.
- 2nd. Reading and consideration of minutes.
- 3rd. Admission of new clubs and members.
- 4th. Reports of committees and umpires.
- 5th. Decisions on complaints and appeals.
- 6th. Alterations in by-laws and regulations.
- 7th. Election of office-bearers.
- 8th. Appointment of committees.
- 9th. General Business.

5. The President shall take the chair at all meetings of members and Executive Committee, and maintain order thereat and sign the minutes after being approved by the meeting. In his absence the next highest office-bearer shall take his place with all his powers, and should all of them be absent, it shall be competent for the meeting assembled to appoint a chairman, who, for the time being, shall have all the privileges and authority of the President. The Secretary-Treasurer will keep correct and complete minutes of all business transacted at every meeting of the Executive Committee and general meeting of the members; shall keep a full and correct record of the membership lists of affiliated clubs; shall levy and collect all dues, and keep a full and accurate account of monies received and paid, and generally shall carry out the work of the Association. His books shall at all times be open to the inspection of the office-bearers, and shall be balanced on the 1st day of May of each year, and duly audited by a committee appointed for the purpose, who

shall report to the next annual meeting of the Executive Committee.

RULES TO GOVERN THE GAME OF QUOITS.

CLAY ENDS.

1. Ends shall be circular, thirty (30) inches in diameter and eight inches in depth, which shall be filled with good stiff clay, into the centre of which the mott (pin) shall be driven.

2. Before play commences at an end, it shall be dressed smooth, so as to be on a level with the surrounding ground. During the time an end is being played at, it shall not be dressed.

3. While a game is in progress, should a player wish to have the clay softened or stiffened, he shall first obtain the consent of his opponent. If his opponent objects, the matter shall be referred to the referee, who shall decide, and shall see that the clay is always kept in that consistency, in which a quoit, pitched at an angle of forty-five (45) degrees, shall not penetrate into the clay more than half of its diameter.

4. In all matches for the championship of the Dominion, the ends shall be made on the day before the match on level ground; the clay shall be properly mixed with a rammer till it is of the required consistency as provided for in section three (3).

DISTANCE TO BE PLAYED.

1. The distance to be played shall be eighteen

(18) yards from the centre of mott played from, to centre of mott played at.

2. The players shall stand not more than three (3) feet from the mott played from, and not less than eighteen (18) yards from the mott played at.

RINK AND MOTT LINE.

The two ends, played from and at, shall be called "a rink," and the straight line, lying evenly between the two motts in a rink, shall be called "the mott line."

FOUL LINES.

1. Two lines shall be drawn, seven feet six inches (7 ft. 6 in.) from each mott and in front thereof, which shall be called "foul lines."

2. The "foul lines" shall be drawn at right angles to "the mott line," and shall always be considered to be of an indefinite length, but shall be clearly defined for six (6) feet on each side of "the mott line" (to suit right or left handed players), either by whitening or by a scratch made in the ground.

QUOITS THAT SHALL NOT COUNT.

1. A player, when pitching, who passes over "the foul line" before his quoit has struck, the end played at, shall lose that pitch. The quoit so pitched shall be called "no quoit," and shall be removed from the end before another quoit is pitched. Should a "no quoit" displace a quoit or quoits already pitched, the replacement or non-replacement of the quoit or quoits displaced, shall be decided by the referee.

2. A quoit, so pitched, as to strike completely outside of the clay end, and with nearest part of quoit more than fifteen (15) inches from the mott, shall not count; it matters not, whether it afterwards jumps, rolls or tumbles into the end, it shall be removed.

WEIGHT AND DIAMETER OF QVOITS.

1. Quoits shall be of two classes, viz.: heavy and light weights.*

2. Heavy quoits shall not exceed ten (10) pounds each in weight; light quoits shall not exceed seven (7) pounds each in weight.

3. Quoits in both classes shall not exceed eight and a half ($8\frac{1}{2}$) inches in diameter.

4. The rim of each quoit, commonly called "the web," shall not exceed two and a quarter ($2\frac{1}{4}$) inches in width from the inner circle to the outside edge of the quoit.

MOTTS.

1. The mott (pin) shall be made of three-quarter ($\frac{3}{4}$) inch round iron, or steel rod, two (2) feet in length, with a circular-levelled top, one quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of an inch in diameter, in the centre of which shall be punched a slight indentation, from which all measurements shall be made.

2. The mott shall be driven into the clay, at an angle of forty-five (45) degrees, pointing towards the opposite mott, till it is level with the top of

* As some quoiters are now playing quoits over the required standard, it has been decided to allow them to use such for the present year, 1883.

the clay end, and shall not be moved on any account, before measurement is made.

3. Should the mott be driven down or covered out of sight during play, it may be searched for, in order to give the player, whose turn it is to play, the knowledge of its true position, provided always, that in such search, neither it nor any quoit played shall be moved. As soon as playing at the end is finished, and measurement made, it shall be placed again in its proper position.

4. At all times during a game, the heads of motts shall be kept as near as possible eighteen (18) yards distant from each other, and on the original "mott line."

MEASUREMENT.

1. All disputed measurements shall be made by the referee with compasses or callipers, and distance taken from the centre point of mott *to the nearest part of quoit.*

2. In measuring, removal of clay from a quoit or quoits shall be allowed, provided the quoit or quoits, to be measured, shall not be moved by so doing.

3. If a quoit, not in the measurement, interfere with the measurement of other quoits, it shall be removed.

4. Should a quoit be broken during a game, the largest part of the quoit shall count in the measurement, and the player shall be allowed another pair of quoits to finish his game; but no game shall be stopped for more than (15) minutes for such cause, after which time, the player, ready to play, shall count one (1) point in his game, for each period of two (2) minutes, he is kept waiting.

LIGHTS.

Lights, of white paper, shall be used to direct the player when pitching at the mott, and shall be of any size or shape he may desire.

DIRECTORS.

1. Each player shall have a director, if he so desire, whose duty it shall be to place the "lights" for him, to encourage him to make accurate play, and to look after his interests generally.

2. When it is a player's turn to pitch, the end shall be under the control of his director, but as soon as he has pitched his quoit, the end shall be under the control of his opponent's director.

3. When an end is being played, should any clay be raised up, which obstructs a player's view of the mott played at, it may be removed or smoothed down by the director, provided in doing so, no interference is made with a quoit or quoits already pitched.

4. A director, interfering with the end *in any manner*, when it is not his turn to do so, or saying or doing anything at any time calculated to annoy or disconcert his player's opponent, shall be reprimanded by the referee, and one (1) point shall be added to the score of his player's opponent. For a second offence, he shall be dismissed by the referee—another point shall be added to the score of his player's opponent—and another director shall be appointed in his stead.

COMPETITORS.

1. The lead at the commencement of a game shall be decided by "a toss," after which the winner of each end shall lead at the next end.

2. Players shall always pitch quoit about alternately.

3. A player, doing or saying anything at any time, calculated to annoy or disconcert his opponent, shall be reprimanded by the referee, and one (1) point shall be added to his opponent's score. For a second offence, he shall forfeit the game, and the referee shall cause a sufficient number of points to be added to his opponent's score as shall constitute the game.

4. A player may change his director at any time during the game, if he see fit, or it be necessary to do so ; but the referee's consent shall first be obtained.

5. When a player once commences a game, he shall not change his quoits, till the game is finished, unless his opponent gives his consent, except in the case of a broken quoit, which has been already provided for.

6. A player, who does not immediately bow to the decision of the referee, shall be ruled out from further competition in the match or tournament.

7. Players shall be expected always to act towards each other in a friendly and gentlemanly manner.

8. A player shall be allowed to go to the end played at, to see how his own and his opponent's quoits lie.

9. A player may act as his own director.

10. When a player is not ready to commence a game within fifteen (15) minutes after his name has been called, his opponent, if ready to play, shall after that time, count one (1) point in the game for every two (2) minutes he is kept waiting.

11. A player shall not purposely make a hole for a foothold, from which to deliver his quoit, that shall in any way interfere with the standing ground or pitching point of his opponent.

REFEREE.

A referee shall be appointed, whose decision shall be final.

OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE.

1. When, in the opinion of the referee, a player has been disconcerted or interrupted by outside interference at the time of pitching his quoit, he shall have the privilege of pitching his quoit over again.

2. Persons under the influence of liquor shall not be allowed on the ground of competition.

NUMBER OF POINTS TO CONSTITUTE A GAME FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE DOMINION.

The number of points (shots) in any game for the championship of the Dominion shall be forty-one (41), except the final game between the last two players, which shall be sixty-one (61) points.

DRAWING FOR OPPONENTS.

1. When a number of players are to participate in a match, the players shall draw for their opponents by lot. Two sets of figures shall be used, viz.: two ones, two twos, etc., and the players drawing corresponding numbers shall play against each other.

2. The rinks shall be numbered before drawing, and the players shall take their places according

to the numbers drawn, viz.: the "ones" at rink No. one; the "twos" at Rink No. two, and so on.

3. When there is an odd number of players, the one not drawing an opponent shall be called "the bye." He shall draw in the next round of drawing; if in that, or in any subsequent drawing, he should again draw "the bye;" the whole drawing shall be void, and the drawing shall be repeated till he has drawn an opponent.

4. When a match ends in three players to decide, two shall play off, and "the bye" shall play against the winner; should "the bye" win, the match shall be finished; but if the first winner of the round is successful, then "the bye" and the other player defeated by the winner shall play against each other for second and third place.

5. When a match ends with four players and a third prize is given, the two players that are defeated shall play for it.

6. If more prizes are given, they shall be awarded, in the same manner, to the players standing next highest in excellence of play.

PLAYING ON THE NATURAL SOD.

The foregoing rules shall govern all matches played on the natural sod, except where particular reference is made to clay ends and the clay which they contain, to which are also added the following rules:

SOD GROUND.

1. The ground shall be level and the sod, good sticking sod.

2. In case the sod is too hard, it shall be

watered before the commencement of a match, till it is of the required consistency.

3. After each player has pitched his quoits fifteen times at each end, the motts shall be shifted to new ground, or whenever in the opinion of the referee, the ground has become too much broken up.

MEASUREMENT.

1. Measurement shall be from the centre of mott to the nearest visible part of quoit.

2. Before measurement is made, no obstructions of earth shall be removed, except what can be removed, by either the player or his director, blowing with his breath three times.

FURTHER PROVISIONS.

Should any questions arise, the determination of which is not provided for, by the words and spirit of the rules now established, it may be referred to the Executive Committee.



